

POLITICS.

Charles E. Felton Is Sacrificed on the Altar of Political Selfishness.

But His Good Name and Numberless Friends Stick to Him Closely.

What Colonel Vilas Thinks About the National Political Outlook.

The Fight for the Cook County Offices — Aldermanic Pointers.

The expected has come to pass. The Mayor and his friends have asked for and received the seal of Mr. Charles E. Felton, the Superintendent of the House of Correction. Mr. Felton, as every one knows, is a rock-rooted Democrat and a particular friend of Grover Cleveland. He has become so popular that many people have been talking about him in connection with the next Democratic Mayoralty nomination.

This made Whiskers mad. Result above stated.

Mr. Felton is one of the most popular sportsmen in the United States, and in every branch of life numbers his friends by the thousands.

He will survive. It is a good sign for a man to be disliked on account of his popularity.

COL. VILAS SPEAKS.

The Great Democratic Leader on the Situation.

In an interview with a *Times* correspondent at Madison, Wisconsin, Col. Vilas said:

"In the campaign of 1888 the Democratic party staked its possession of power, which for a quarter of a century it had enjoyed no taste of, upon the struggle to maintain a principle and establish law for the common good of all against the advantage of favored classes. Although that party carried forward this government from its infancy to a splendid manhood nothing more noble or characteristic of its faith and devotion has occurred in its history than the honest, brave, sacrificial contest of 1888. It proves the party to be as pure, as faithful, as true to the interests of humanity, as little given to fear of the powerful classes, as confident of the capacity of men for self-government, as ready to stand for the rights of all as in any era of its power and glory.

"The people of this country have seen this. They have realized that no interest but the common interest could be promoted by the success of the Democratic principle, and they have seen how the common good has suffered by the successes of moneyed combinations, which gather the earnings of the many through the manipulation of tariff laws. I believe, therefore, in the certain success of Democracy, as I believe in the capacity of the people to carry on the institutions of liberty, as I believe men are better now than in any generation before, as I believe that God reigns. It will not result from the defeat of 1888; it will be the result of the genuine honesty, fidelity to high principle, and devotion to the good of their countrymen which animate and govern the counsels and direct the actions of the Democratic party, made manifest in part by the sacrifice in 1888."

COOK COUNTY FIGHTS.

A Full List of Offices to Be Scrambled For in the Fall.

This fall the people of Cook County will elect a Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Clerk, Probate Clerk, Clerk of the Criminal Court, County Judge, Probate Judge, fifteen County Commissioners, seven State Senators, thirty Representatives in the Legislature, and four Congressmen.

Altogether it will be a lively year for politics.

PERRY HULL'S WARD.

Mr. Hull Is Going to Allow Third-Warders to Select an Alderman.

It was rather cruel in the *Tribune* to say the other day: "There has been some talk of Perry Hull as a candidate against Alderman Gorton in the Third. Mr. Hull's clients will need all his attention for the next six months."

Mr. Hull really intends to permit the Third-Warders to elect an Alderman.

He will do the nominating, however. Since Mr. Hull had Lieutenant Beall bounced for being too handy with

his patrol wagon he has been feeling mighty big.

However, his campaign will be open shortly, and then Third Ward citizens will feel prouder of him than ever.

Political Pointers.

Collector of the Port John M. Clark has assumed his new duties, his commission having arrived from Washington. His new Secretary, G. P. English, will begin work next Monday. Ex-Collector Seeberger, in retiring, was surprised by the presentation of a gold-headed cane and a basket of flowers from his subordinates. Deputy Collector Haerting made the presentation speech, which was responded to by Mr. Seeberger.

Frank Lawler is again in the field. He is sending patent office reports to his friends.

"Johnny" English, the present secretary of Postmaster Sexton, has resigned his position to accept a similar one under John M. Clark, the recently appointed Collector of the Port. Gen. H. H. Thomas will succeed Mr. English.

Joe Gruenhut is after the Democratic members of the County Board. The Democratic Commissioners were elected on a platform the fourth plank of which ran as follows:

"The Democratic party also favors the holding of all primary elections under the provisions of the Primary Election law."

The last Democratic primaries were held under this law, and now the Democratic Commissioners refuse to pay the judges who acted at those primaries, though their attorney, the Democratic County Judge, and the Democratic Election Commissioners assert that the law contemplates such payment.

A meeting of the Republicans of the Second Ward was held the other night at the Harvard School. It was called to order by Judge Eugene Cary. The meeting was composed of the friends of Ald. Vierling, and a committee was appointed to wait upon him at his house and learn if he would be a candidate for re-election this spring. He returned with the committee and stated to those present that he would make the race provided his friends were unanimous in their choice and would take the brunt of the fight. A committee of five was appointed to arrange for a public meeting, which will probably be held next week.

John C. Campbell, Chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, has announced his executive committee as follows: George M. Haynes, Chicago; W. B. Brinton, Tuscola; S. B. Chase, Chicago; Delos P. Phelps, Monmouth; W. O. Wright, Freeport; W. H. Hinrichsen, Quincy; Theo. Nelson, Decatur; Walter Watson, Mount Vernon; and T. F. Bouton, Jonesboro.

Mark Crawford is talked of to succeed Mr. Felton at the Bridewell. The office is to be made a political one.

There is a movement in the South Town in favor of nominating a citizens' ticket, headed by some good man who understands assessment and the value of property, with a man of substance and standing, like Milton Palmer or Claude J. Adams, for Collector, and John McKenna, the Brighton Park brick manufacturer, for Supervisor.

As unexpected plunge in Swan Lake, Alabama, thoroughly aroused a sleepy railroad passenger. As the west-bound train was nearing Decatur, the brakeman shouted, "next stop is Decatur!" The passenger caught the last word, and, in his sleepy state, thinking the train had arrived, he rushed out on the platform and stepped off. He fell forty feet, alighting in the middle of the lake, which is twenty feet deep and two hundred and fifty feet wide. Although incumbered with boots and overcoat, he swam safely to the shore.

If one would see and smell and taste the baked bean at its best, he should go to the lumbering camps in the woods of Maine. The thousands of brawny axe swingers who work all winter in the spruce forests subsist almost entirely upon pork and beans, and they never suffer from dyspepsia or indigestion, because the cooking is perfect. The woodsman's beans are baked in a big iron pot in a hole in the ground. The pot is set upon a bed of live coals, surrounded and covered with more coals, and then the hole is filled in with earth, as though the savory mess were to remain buried for good and all. The camp cook knows when to dig the pot out, however, and when he does he brings forth baked beans such as the towns of Boston never dreamed of.

UNFORTUNATELY worried: Foulson (arguing in defense of his favorite theory that personal beauty is not woman's chief attraction)—I contend that beauty has nothing to do with a young woman's chances of getting a husband. I'll leave it to any married woman in the room if it is not so.

WHERE'S THE MONEY?

What Has Become of the World's Fair Fund?

Has It Been Made Into Soup to Feed Hungry Frauds?

Has It Been Chopped Up to Satisfy Dead-beats?

Has It Been Distributed Among Needy Friends?

The Eagle's Query of a Few Months Ago

Is Now Likely to Be Turned Into a Prophecy.

A Lively Old Row Very Imminent in the Not Distant Future.

A few months ago THE EAGLE suggested that there would be a lively time when the accounts of Chicago's World's Fair Committee were balanced. There is no longer any doubt of it. The skates, month-organs, and park inhabitants who have been living off this fund will have to get up and shake themselves one of these days.

There has got to be an accounting. And if Chicago loses the fair!

Talk about howls! Why, the music of the Lincoln Park wolves at sundown will be like Aeolian music compared to this emission of high-strung sound!

Wednesday's *Tribune* contained the following article, showing that other people are waking up on this subject.

MONEY MORE THAN TALK.

What Chicago Needs Most to Secure the World's Fair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—[Special.]—The time has come when Chicago must do its best if it wants the World's Fair. Money is going to do more effective talking within the next week than dozens of Congressional speech-makers. The financial guarantee which Chicago shall make must be clear-cut and backed by indisputable evidence. New York is preparing for this final struggle. Another delegation of millionaires will be over to Washington to influence Congress, and Gotham will make its appeal on whatever sort of a bill gets through the Legislature.

It is true this proposed bribe has been largely discounted, but will not be entirely ineffective. The New-Yorkers tonight admit that Chicago has a good lead, and they are not very sanguine of overtaking her, but they will make a tremendous spurt to see if they cannot recover their lost ground.

The representatives of the four cities competing for the World's Fair have decided by lot that in the discussion in the House next Thursday and Friday their respective claims shall be presented in the following order: New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Washington.

They have also agreed that the Chairman of the special committee shall have one hour to open the discussion Thursday, and each of the cities, in the order named, shall have one hour Thursday and a half-hour Friday.

Messrs. Flower and Belden were interviewed today regarding the compromise reached at New York last night, but neither was bubbling with enthusiasm regarding the final result at this end of the line. Both representatives agreed that it would be well for a number of the gentlemen who had interested themselves in the Fair to come on to Washington at the earliest practicable moment and supplement the labors of the Congressional delegation in working up a friendly sentiment for New York. The presence of these gentlemen, they claimed, would go far toward neutralizing the influence of the powerful lobby Chicago has had here for months.

M. Flower said: "Three weeks ago it was dollars to doughnuts that New York would win. The delay at Albany, however, has hurt us. It has lost us a great many friends. It has had the effect of creating a distrust among both Republicans and Democrats against sending the fair to New York. During the jangling process at Albany many of our friends have fallen away from us, and I fear that Chicago has captured them. I find, too, that some of the Missourians are supporting Chicago as their second choice.

"Our business now is to drive these people back. We hope to get the fair by showing Congress that New York is the only one of the competing cities that is not asking the Government to contribute money."

Senator Hancock said New York would get the fair. "Surely," he was asked, "that the House favors Chicago, what then?"

"It will make no difference," Mr. Hancock replied. "The Senate is for New York, no matter what the House may do."

A STRIPED MAN.

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which will send Mr. Romaine to Joliet with Hankins.

Robinson says that he came to Chicago February 5 to pay off a mortgage of \$1,900; that he went into Hankins & Wightman's saloon, 134 Clark street, was introduced to Romaine, who, he was informed, was one of the proprietors of the game, and after filling up at the bar he went up-stairs and lost his money at faro.

The Citizens' Association has got some very interesting new evidence against this house.

BETTING AGAINST JUSTICE.

How Hankins' Followers Make Sport of the Law.

In a Clark street saloon, on a black-board, the following bets are posted: Two to one that Hankins is acquitted. Three to one that Hankins owns the jury.

Four to one that the Judge gets down off the bench to shake hands with him.

FARMERS ARE WATCHING IT.

Honest Grangers All Over Illinois Looking to See What Cook County Does with Hankins.

This is going to be a great year in Illinois politics, and a very little occurrence may turn the tide of battle. One thing is certain: any man in public position who sells himself to Hankins will be politically doomed.

More than this. It will hurt the political party to which he belongs.

There is not a county in Illinois where Hankins' awful reputation is not known. There is hardly a county where some of Hankins' victims can not be found.

The farmers have heard a great deal about Cook County justice.

They are watching this Hankins case to ascertain the truth or falsity of what they have heard.

WORKINGMEN ON THE LOOKOUT.

They Want to See Whether a Judiciary Which Hung the "Anarchists" and Is Dreadfully Severe on Laboring Men Will Let Hankins Off.

There are 80,000 workingmen in Cook County who are voters.

These men are not fools, even if they are poor.

The workingmen of Chicago are watching the proceedings in the Hankins' case closely. Fielden and Schwab were sent to State's prison for life for making speeches to workingmen.

They were poor.

Hankins is a millionaire. He has ruined 20,000 homes.

Will Justice take the bandage off her eyes to shake hands with him and set him free?

That is what the workingmen are asking each other.

Workingmen of Chicago will draw their own conclusions from the operations of "Justice" in this case.

Hankins says he will get off scot-free.

Wait and see!

ROMAYNE, HANKINS AND CONDON.

They Are to Be Indicted Again for Flagrant Violation of the Laws.

For their cheek in running their gambling houses wide open after their last indictment, Romaine, Hankins, and Condon are to be indicted again.

The Citizens' Association has them dead to rights this time, as its detectives got into their houses, witnessed the play, and talked with the proprietors.

This will send Romaine to Joliet with Hankins, and place the urbane and accomplished barber, Mr. Condon, behind the bars of the County Jail.

Pleasant Journeys.

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